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WALDHEIM

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1. AT ITS OWN REQUEST THE CONTACT GROUP ACCOMPANIED BY
WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS BRIEFED UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-
GENERAL WALDHEIM FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 23 ON THE LATEST
DEVELOPMENTS ON NAMIBIA. THE GROUP PROVIDED WALDHEIM WITH
A GENERAL UPDATE ON OUR EFFORTS AS WELL AS A BRIEF ANALY-
SIS OF THE TWO REMAINING ISSUES OF CONTROVERSY. WE PARA-
PHRASED FOR HIM THE POSITION WHICH THE FIVE WOULD BE
WILLING TO SUPPORT ON WALVIS BAY IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
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AND WE DISCUSSED THE DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING THE
LOCATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICA RESIDUAL FORCE. IN THE LATTER
REGARD, WE TOLD WALDHEIM THAT WE HAD JUST APPROACHED THE
SOUTH AFRICANS IN HOPES OF OBTAINING THEIR AGREEMENT TO
THE LOCATION OF THE FORCE AT GROOTFONTEIN ALONE AND THAT
WE AWAITED THEIR RESPONSE.

2. WALDHEIM THEN REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA ANALYZING THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION IN THE WAKE OF THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT. (WE UNDERSTAND THIS LETTER TO BE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THAT SENT BY KAUNDA TO THE WESTERN FIVE HEADS OF STATE (REFTEL). WALDHEIM SOUGHT ELABORATION FROM US ON SEVERAL POINTS MADE BY KAUNDA AND THEN DREW ATTENTION TO KAUNDA'S HOPE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY FORCE WOULD BE "MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND MEN" AND THE POLICE FORCE WOULD BE "MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND MEN". WE ADVISED WALDHEIM THAT WE TOO WERE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE PRECISE MEANING OF KAUNDA'S REFERENCE TO A POLICE FORCE OF ONE THOUSAND. WE ASSURED HIM THAT THE CIVILIAN SECTION OF UNTAG WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE POLICE AND THAT THE SIZE OF UNTAG WOULD BE DETERMINED BY HIM (WALDHEIM). CONTEMPLATING THE TOTAL OF SIX THOUSAND SUGGESTED BY KAUNDA, WALDHEIM COMMENTED: "I DON'T SEE ANY REAL PROBLEMS WITH THIS, BUT I CAN'T GIVE ANY ASSURANCE BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL ACCORDS ME A MANDATE."

3. WALDHEIM THEN SAID THAT, AFTER RECEIVING KAUNDA'S LETTER, HE HAD CALLED IN SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE ADRIAAN EKSTEEN. HE HAD ASKED EKSTEEN TO CONVEY TO HIS GOVERNMENT WALDHEIM'S "CONCERN ABOUT THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND HOPE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE COOPERATIVE IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES". WALDHEIM ALSO REITERATED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO EKSTEEN HIS PUBLICLY STATED REGRET AT SOUTH AFRICA'S UNILATERAL ACTION ON REGISTRATION. ON THIS LAST POINT, WALDHEIM COMMENTED TO THE GROUP IN A MATTER-OF-FACT MANNER, BUT WITH A NOTE OF RESIGNATION: "I CAN'T DO MUCH MORE ON THAT BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE I COULD APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE."

4. AS OUR CONVERSATION WITH WALDHEIM DREW TO A CLOSE, HE ASKED ABOUT OUR LIKELY TIMETABLE FOR THE FUTURE. WE REPLIED THAT WE WOULD BRING NAMIBIA TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS SOON AS THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON THE REMAINING ISSUES, AND WE HOPED THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN SOON. WE EMPHASIZED THAT WE WERE VERY CLOSE TO A SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT FLEXIBILITY WOULD BE NEEDED FROM ALL PARTIES IF A SETTLEMENT WAS TO BE ACHIEVED. WALDHEIM CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT HE WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE OAU MEETING IN KHARTOUM; HE SUGGESTED THAT KHARTOUM MIGHT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER CONTACTS WITH THE FRONTLINE STATES AND SWAPO.

5. COMMENT. THE CONTACT GROUP, OF COURSE, HAS PERIODICALLY BRIEFED WALDHEIM ON THE FIVE'S NAMIBIA INITIATIVE, AND THIS LATEST EXCHANGE USEFULLY SERVED TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE.

WALDHEIM SEEMED APPRECIATIVE BUT STILL FEELING CONSTRAINED
BY LACK OF AGREEMENT AND A SC MANDATE PERMITTING HIM
TO SWING INTO ACTION. END COMMENT. LEONARD

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